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PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN EMPIRE ELECTRIC RESOURCE PLANNING CASE

JEFFERSON CITY---The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) has asked the Missouri Public Service Commission to grant it variances from certain requirements of the Commission's Electric Utility Resource Planning rules. Empire is expected to file in compliance with the rules in September.

The purpose of Resource Planning rules is to require Missouri's electric utilities to undertake an adequate planning process to ensure that the public interest in a reasonably priced, reliable and efficient energy supply is protected.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case must be filed no later than **August 9, 2007**, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: Dean L. Cooper, Brydon, Swearingen & England P.C., 312 E. Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-2230.

The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency that represents the general public in matters before the Commission. Individual citizens wishing to comment should contact either the Office of the Public Counsel (Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Suite 650, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 573-751-4857, e-mail opcservice@ded.mo.gov) or the Public Service Commission Staff (P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211, e-mail pscinfo@psc.mo.gov).

The Empire District Electric Company serves approximately 136,900 electric customers in 16 southwest Missouri counties.